

The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children
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October 2012

Upcoming Events:

October 7-13 - **Fire Prevention Week** (www.nfpa.org)

October 14-20 - **Teen Read Week**

October 16 -26 - **Summer Library Program Workshops**

January 18, 2013 (Johnston Public Library) and Saturday, January 19, 2013 (Waterloo Public Library) - **Performers' Showcases**

March 10-16 - **Teen Tech Week** (<http://teentechweek.ning.com/>)

April 29-30, 2013 - **Kids First, Des Moines**

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes to Plan for in December:

- 1 - Jan Brett Birthday; World AIDS Day
- 5 - Walt Disney Birthday
- 8-16 -- Hanukkah
- 19 - Eve Bunting Birthday
- 21 - First Day of Winter
- 25 - Pam Muñoz Ryan Birthday; the character Sherlock Holmes first appeared in print in 1887; A'phabet ("No L") Day [see <http://www.answers.com/topic/a-phabet-day>]
- 26-January 1 -- Kwanzaa
- 30 - Mercer Mayer Birthday

Register **Now** for Summer Library Program Workshops!

Registration is open for the 2013 Summer Library Program Workshops at sites across Iowa. See Iowa Library Services' Continuing Education Catalog, at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>. Hurry! Some sites have limited space and registration for all sites will close on October 11th.

Our workshop presenters this year are Angie Pilkington, Youth Services Manager and Samantha Helmick, Public Services Manager, of the Burlington Public Library. Angie and Samantha have an awesome program planned for you. We will also have short presentations on programming and craft ideas from librarians in each workshop from that district and we have built in time at the end of the workshop for roundtable discussions and the sharing of ideas.

The schedule of the locations is below. A DVD of the workshop will be available free of charge to anyone who cannot attend any of the workshops.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all, and to learning and sharing together to create another year of the wonderful summer library programs Iowans count on us to provide.



2013 Summer Library Program Workshop Schedule

Johnston Public Library 10/16 -- 10:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:00)

Red Oak Public Library 10/17 -- 10:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:00)

Northwest Iowa Technical College-Cherokee 10/18 - 9:30 a.m.(Registration begins at 8:30)

Music Man Hall-Mason City 10/19 - 10:30 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:30)

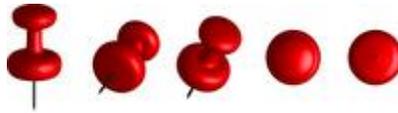
Keystone AEA-Elkader 10/23 - 10:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:00)

Coralville Public Library 10/24 - 10:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:00)

Maharishi University-Fairfield 10/25 - 10:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:00)

ICN Broadcast from Burlington Public Library 10/26 - 10:00 a.m. [Broadcast time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - roll call taken at 9:30 and again at 2:45.]

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Tips & Tricks for Bulletin Boards and Displays. . .

- Easy borders for bulletin boards:

Comic strips, bookmarks, play money, cupcake papers (just put a tack through the center like a flower), strips cut from weeded books, and adding machine tape decorated with stickers or rubber stamps make great borders.

- What if I don't have a bulletin board?

Short of display space? Try hanging items from the ceiling. For example, you might glue large letters on both sides of squares of paper (one letter per square) to spell out a short message like "READ" or "NEW BOOKS." Hang from the ceiling with thin string. Die cut 5" letters are available from your Library District Office to help you create your messages.

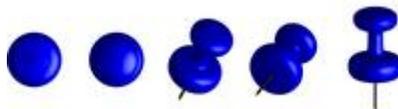
- I have no time to decorate:

You need not decorate every bulletin board. Use plain ones to display children's artwork or articles about literacy, parenting, etc. As long as your display is neat and colorful (you might start with a pleasant shade of gift wrap or random sheets of colored paper for a background) patrons will want to take a closer look. Changing what you post frequently is important, however.

- Assorted ideas:

One way to attract attention to your bulletin board is to make it **interactive**. Post puzzles or trivia questions and then reveal the answers after a couple of weeks. Play "Name That Book" by posting names of characters or plot summaries. Or a simple world map (with a title like "Reading Takes Us Places") where youth are invited to mark location where novels take place using a tack and small card or a sticky note. Web sites like Fun Trivia (<http://www.funtrivia.com/>) can be a source of ideas (for example, look for "Unusual Names in Teen Lit" and "Animals That Made Reading Fun").

Add **dimensional** items (things that stick out) to your bulletin board.



Working with Parents to Promote Early Literacy Skills . . .

One way libraries can promote early literacy skills (the skills that children need *before* they begin to learn to read) is through communication with parents or caregivers. A newsletter, bulletin board or handouts are good ways to offer suggestions to caregivers who visit the library or bring children for story hours. The following are resources that you might use for this purpose:

- Putting Your Family Calendar to Work -- <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/52809/> -- this is just one example of the kind of ideas you can use from the Reading Rockets website. Just pick one or two of the examples and express it in your own words. Or, you can print a sheet of monthly tips for parents just as is from the website (see <http://www.readingrockets.org/newsletters/extras/> for the pdf version).
- The National Literacy Trust offers printable materials at http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/talk_to_your_baby.
- Hennepin County Library shares their "Reading tips in many languages" at http://hclib.org/BirthTo6/EarlyLit_ReadingTips.cfm.

ILEAD - An Opportunity for Library Staff!

Work with a group to learn participatory (social) media.

Immerse yourself in learning how to use participatory (social) media, while working with a team to develop a project for your library.

You could be a part of one of five teams, of five librarians per team, in Iowa to participate in ILEAD, an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant-funded program, to help develop new leadership and technology skills while being supported by a network of collaborating teams.

Through in-person sessions, mentoring, and collaboration you'll learn how to use technologies, then apply them to a project of your team's choosing. One group in Illinois worked on an application to connect their teens to programs at area libraries; another worked to encourage reading among youth of the community with book discussions, online author visits, and more; yet another team worked on digitizing local history information, with the community's help.

Library staff from all types of libraries are invited to apply when applications become available in October. For more information, plan to attend an online information webinar on November 1, 2012 (time to be determined)-so save this time and mark your calendars! For more information, contact Alysia Peich <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/contact-us/people/apeich> or your district office.

~Merri M. Monks, Iowa Library Services/State Library, Youth Services Consultant

Winter Holiday Crafts . . .

- A Hanukkah "Droidel" -- <http://www.starwars.com/play/online-activities/crafts/droidel/>. For older kids.
- Vintage/recycled paper trees made from a half circle -- <http://pinterest.com/pin/209839663858658511/>. Cheap!
- Book Page Bird Ornament -- <http://www.bystephanielynn.com/2010/08/recycled-book-page-bird-ornament-no2.html>.
- Die cut shapes available for craft projects include: gingerbread man, gingerbread boy, fir trees (about 4") to decorate, circles for snowmen and Christmas lights (about 4" - add glitter, etc.). The complete list is online at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts>. Contact your District Office about ordering - please order early!



Odds & Ends . . .

- Some seasonal **storytime kits** have recently been added to the website at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/early-child-lit/earlyliteracyinlibraries/earlyliteracy>. Look for "Scarecrows," "The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle Bells," and "Gingerbread Persons."
- This gets my vote for "**Pinterest** Site of the Month": Library Storytime Activities, Props and Puppets at <http://pinterest.com/lmorris281/library-story-time-activities-props-and-puppets/>.
- There is a new section of the Iowa Library Services website devoted to sharing ideas for "**Getting young adults in the library.**" It is under the "Tell the Library Story" heading at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/tell-library-story/ttls-ideas/ttls-ideasd>. And please be sure to share your ideas with Annette Wetteland at annette.wetteland@lib.state.ia.us) so that she can add them to the page!

Just for fun . . . Have you seen the **Storybook Dollhouse** from the Dayton Metro Library at <http://kids.daytonmetrolibrary.org/storybook-dollhouse?>

- Upcoming webinars** (Thanks to Alysia Peich at the Iowa Library Services Des Moines Office!):

October 3 (2-3 pm) -- **What's New for Storytimes** (Infopeople)

Is conducting storytime the favorite part of your job - but also the task in which you feel "burned out?" If so, this webinar will give you ideas to refresh your storytimes with new books to engage your audience. Whether you are relatively new or a longtime storytime presenter, everyone will take away storytime plans, booklists, and resources to revitalize this essential library program.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

October 4 (2-3 pm) -- **Getting Boys to Read: Seeing Your Library Through a Guy's Eyes** (School Library Journal)

Ever help a guy find food in the refrigerator? In this fun and informative webinar, you'll discover how some everyday observations - like that time you maybe helped a guy find the mayo that was right in the front of the fridge - are really vital clues for thinking about getting boys to read in your library. In addition to the fun, the serious side of the topic will be addressed, including why the gap between boys' and girls' reading levels is a major concern among health experts and educators, and why the vast majority of reluctant readers are boys. Attendees will learn some tips to promote and support genres that boys like, including comic books, graphic novels, sports, and nonfiction, as well as some ideas for creating reading role models and communities for boys grades K-12. If you want ways to get books in the hands of your guys - and take a different look at how we think about getting boys to read - this session will inspire you.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://www.slj.com/category/webcasts/>

October 9 (11-12 pm) -- **Graphic Novels** (Library Journal)

Join us for our fall graphic novel webcast! You'll get a sneak peak at some of the great graphic novels hitting the shelves over the next few months and hear tips on how to share the exciting world of graphic novels with your patrons. Random House will discuss their upcoming titles from DC Comics, Del Rey, Archie Comics, and Kodansha: something for everyone. Hear more about Superman trying to get back in touch with the "normal" people, romantic hijinks staged by a devious novelist just so she can write about them, the real story of Steve Jobs' failings as well as his successes, and what the best stories are from the epic 20-year history of Sonic the Hedgehog, the longest running comics series based on a videogame. And that's just a few of the titles starring in this webcast.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/category/webcasts/>

October 11 (1-2 pm) -- **Warm up to Reading: Getting Kids Hooked on Books** (Booklist)

The weather may be getting cooler, but books are always hot. Join Booklist senior editor Ilene Cooper and representatives from ABDO Publishing, DK Publishing, James Lorimer & Co., and Listening Library to learn about books and media designed to spark reluctant readers' interest in reading-be it turning pages or pushing play.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=63>

October 16 (1-2 pm) -- **Common Core & More: Surprising Reasons to go Graphic** (Booklist)

Whether you are new to graphic novels or a long-time fan, this is the session for you! Join our expert panel from The Graphic Classroom blog, Capstone, and Booklist Publications for a lively discussion about how you can build on kids' fascination with graphic novels to meet learning objectives and enhance critical thinking skills, such as prediction and inference. Attendees are automatically entered to win a complete 24 book set of Capstone's new DC Comics line! Moderated by Gillian Engberg, Editorial Director of Books for Youth at Booklist Publications.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=63>

October 16 (2-3 pm) -- **Fall Books for Kids** (School Library Journal)

Learn about fall's collection of new books for your young readers during this School Library Journal webcast event. From illustrated books to chapter books, topics range from superheroes to farmers, and then some! Discover what it means to be a samurai in Benjamin Martin's *Samurai Awakening*, and find out if an American teenager has what takes to save his friends. Read about Bill Finger, the man who gave Bruce Wayne a name and made him a detective in Marc Tyler Nobleman's picture book (illustrated by Ty Templeton) *Bill the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman*. See a new take on the classic Old MacDonald nursery rhyme in *Old MacDonald Had Her Farm* (written by JonArno Lawson, illustrated by Tina Holdcroft) with brightly illustrated pictures and tongue-twisters to help readers learn about vowels while using the same E-I-E-I-O refrain. Register now to see what else Annick Press, Charlesbridge, and Tuttle Publishing will share from their fall book releases.

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If you do not receive an attendance certificate from the program sponsor, please remember to fill out and submit Learning Activity Written Summaries (<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/continuing-ed/learning-activity-written-summary>) to use as credit towards public librarian recertification.